

**WILLIAMSBURG PLANNING COMMISSION
MINUTES
2005 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN WORK SESSION #18
Monday, October 4, 2004**

A work session of the Williamsburg Planning Commission was held on Monday, October 4, 2004, at 3:30 p.m., in Conference Room 3A, Williamsburg Municipal Building, 401 Lafayette Street.

ATTENDANCE AND CALL TO ORDER

Present were Commissioners Pons, Friend, McBeth and Rose. Absent were Commissioners Hertzler, Smith and Young. Also present were Planning Director Nester and Zoning Administrator Murphy.

Mr. Pons called the meeting to order.

OPEN FORUM

No one spoke in the open forum.

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE

Claire Jones and Eric Walberg from the Hampton Roads Planning District Commission continued their discussion of the population and economic analysis that they are preparing for the Comprehensive Plan update. Points discussed in their presentation included:

- Comparisons on the national and state levels.
- Racial breakdown of population.
- Factors in regional population change (births, deaths, migration)
- Comparative age breakdown for Williamsburg, JCC and York.
- Comparative age breakdown for Williamsburg in 1990 and 2000.
- Comparative 18-24 age breakdown for Williamsburg, JCC and York.
- Anticipated college students will Chartered University Initiative.
- Comparative owner/renter housing for Virginia college towns.
- Comparative retail sales figures, inflation-adjusted, for Williamsburg, JCC and York.
- Mapping exhibits for population density, median age, owner-occupied and renter occupied housing, housing units by census block, and density of housing units by census block.

Mr. Rose and Mr. Friend leave.

Commissioners offered the following comments:

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- What do we get from comparisons with other cities?
- Is holding our own on retail sales what we want for the City?
- Analysis shows that the majority of retail sales dollars is in meals/lodging category.
- The median age map shows areas of possible neighborhood conflicts. A comparison should be made with a non-college town for comparison purposes.

Mr. Nester reviewed the revised boundaries for the Richmond Road Neighborhood Focus Area, Jamestown Road Neighborhood Focus Area, and Center City Area. The Commission felt that these boundaries were acceptable.

Mr. Nester presented a draft meeting agenda and packet for October 19. The Commission felt that this draft packet was acceptable. Mr. Pons said he liked the full group discussion of a vision for the area prior to the breakout groups.

OPEN FORUM

Stuart Hughes, 103 Williamsburg Avenue, said that the City should be careful with comparisons. We should be the ones setting the standards, not other communities. Comparisons with James City and York Counties could be more important.

The meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

Doug Pons, First Vice Chairman
Williamsburg Planning Commission